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Rev A. A. Phelps,
Boston Mass.



Thus far look to me a little crooked in your doings.

Miss Grimké, it seems, is now Level, or ~~possibly~~ ^{perhaps} to speak more logically, Lady of the ascendant, before whom the men of Massachusetts hide their diminished heads. She returns, however, I presume on her own hook.

I shall endeavor, if possible, to be at the Convention, if it does not occur in term time. When I hope to have the opportunity of conferring with you. You will please remember ^{me} and Mrs. Phelps,

Yours truly Wm Lloyd Garrison

A. S. Paper, that shall not take advantage of its abolition character, to disseminate any other dogmas good or bad through the community. Can it not be done? The lash of the great Bureau, would fall, I know, heavily upon the man that should attempt it; but the cause of truth and righteousness, I fully believe, demands imperiously that it should be done.

You have doubtless received the first two numbers of the A. S. Paper, which we are endeavoring to get up here. The prospect goes well, and I have no doubt that we shall succeed. The labor, thus far, of the whole thing has fallen most severely upon me, and is still driving me hard, otherwise I should write you more at length, instead of this hasty note. This likewise, must be my apology for not attending to your letter sooner.

The cause of A. S. Slavery, of genuine abolition, is "inward", clapped upon it, in this state for this year, Mr Garrison to the contrary notwithstanding. By the way, I do not know as that immaculate gentleman, will be willing to have his name go with ruin on the call, if so I shall not be offended at all if it is left off. It will be of little consequence more or less to have my name upon the call, since the Massachusetts branch has pronounced our abolitionism here "not to be worth much either in quantity or quality"!!

I hope really brother P, you will be able to steer a straight course, amidst the difficulties by which you are surrounded, and come out right in the end, I may be owing to some fog down here, that ~~needs~~ things

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Prof. Wm Smyth.



Bro Phelps,

As Mr Adams is not the Secretary of our State Society, he has handed yours of the 2nd over to me. I have no objection that my name should be appended to the call for the N. E. Convention, provided it is in the usual form, and does not pledge us to do any thing. I can of course answer only for myself, though I have no doubt our Pres. J. M. Pond Esq. would sign it with pleasure.

I have read your article in reply to me in the Liberator. It seems then ~~there~~ is a call to "form a society" is a monstrous wickedness, while a call "to organize" a society is in accordance with usage and is perfectly proper. To ordinary minds, the difference must appear, I think as great as that between travelled and travelleder; Schoolmen however might see that it amounts to something exceedingly greater. If your article had appeared in the Spectator I should have thrown in a word in reply. When however you choose to comment on me in the Liberator ^{you have} the field to yourself - it is an arena on which I cannot appear.

It is matter to me of much surprise Bro P, that you, and other good men & men, can throw off all responsibility for the course of the Liberator, upon the shallow pretence, that it is not supported by the State Society as such, while in matter of fact, you make it your organ and representative, and the abolitionism of the State sustains it.

You ought to have another paper for this, a truly